



# Procurement Excellence Programme

**CIPS Procurement Excellence Programme is the only independent, comprehensive, procurement specific assessment of its kind, that measures your procurement function against our world-class standards.**

It is a globally recognised award that demonstrates how well your function is performing whilst building a competitive edge and driving world-class service delivery. Acting as a catalyst for transformational change to help you achieve sustainable value, supporting you when rising to new challenges and keeps on driving improvement.

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# How it works

Reviewing your organisation's procurement and supplier management procedures in targeted detail will highlight where improvements and efficiencies can be made.

## How to improve

It will encourage you to question what you do and how you do it, ensuring that procurement becomes an essential value driver and organisational influencer.

The Procurement Excellence Programme is split into levels; whereas the Standard Programme is about "what" you do, the Advanced award will signify how your procurement function is building increasing levels of influence, involvement and control in order to accelerate procurement performance and change and deliver greater value.

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The assessment support from CIPS was excellent. They were always available, provided strong, positive feedback and helped us to keep the team motivated throughout the process.”

**Mark Barnett**

Supply Chain Executive  
EDF Energy Nuclear Generation

## The journey ahead

At the start of your journey, you'll be assigned your own CIPS assessor; a highly experienced procurement professional who will personally guide you through the process. They will support you to collate all the evidence to demonstrate your performance against our world class standards across the **Five Assessment Dimensions**:

- 1 Leadership and organisation**
- 2 Strategy and policy**
- 3 People**
- 4 Process and systems**
- 5 Performance management**

These **five dimensions** are common to every business, no matter what sector or market; they are essential facets of all organisations. Each award is valid for two years, after which you can either increase or maintain your level of award to ensure that you continue to operate effectively, delivering value in the face of changes in your organisation and the marketplace.

- Over 300 organisations globally achieved this award
- 5 Assessment dimensions common to business
- With a 2-year validation for each award

## The awards



### PLATINUM

#### World class | Strategic value creator

Procurement demonstrated it is part of the lifeblood of their organisation, potentially with a seat on the Board. Procurement is integral to their organisation's strategy, is a core influencer and decision maker.



### GOLD

#### Leading | Strategic value adder

Procurement has demonstrated it has a strategic role within the organisation with the ability to influence senior management and other business functions, and it is becoming more fundamental to the organisation.



### SILVER

#### Advanced | Proactive business supporter

Procurement has demonstrated it is moving from being an operational to a managerial function, building performance, capability, and value.



### STANDARD

#### Robust | Effective governance

Procurement has demonstrated robust, effective governance is in place for supply assurance and compliance.

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The Procurement Excellence Programme enables our function to benchmark itself against industry best practice and because there will always be new factors such as regulations and world events that impact the industry, it is essential to be re-assessed against our processes every two years.”

**Keven Horner**

Procurement Operations  
Leader  
Laing O'Rourke

# About CIPS the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply



## **We are CIPS**

The global membership organisation for procurement and supply, driving positive change across our profession. We provide education and tools for members. And we are the voice and standard, building a network across the globe.

## **Quality guaranteed**

Our qualifications are recognised by Ofqual in England and regulators in various countries, demonstrating that they meet specific quality standards.

## **The Global Standard**

CIPS Global Standard in procurement and supply, which is freely available, sets the benchmark for what good looks like in the profession.

## **A commercial organisation**

CIPS helps governments, development agencies, and businesses around the world to excel in procurement and supply, supporting them to improve and deliver results and raise standards.

## **A global community**

We are the world's largest professional body dedicated to procurement and supply with a global community of over 200,000 professionals in over 150 countries, and offices in Africa, Asia, Australia, the Middle East, Europe and USA.

## **How can CIPS help?**

No matter where you are in the world or what sector you operate in, CIPS can help to ensure that your procurement and supply teams:

- Have the skills to spend your organisation's funds wisely and manage suppliers effectively
- Comply with relevant legislation
- Have the tools to build ethical and sustainable supply chains
- Continually evolve and deliver results against increasingly challenging targets
- Add value to the business and get the recognition they deserve

## **Want to see how we can develop your procurement and supply team?**

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